

Radio Script

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Hello, Americans. This is Upton Close, speaking from San Francisco. This will be a Fourth of July week long to remember. The atom bomb has GONE off, and OPA has COME off. As to the bomb, scientific experts and our pro-Navy and anti-Navy people have been given something to argue about until the cows come home—or perhaps I should say the goats! Moscow jubilates that the atom bomb isn't so much after all. Certainly we could have sunk five ships and damaged thirty at far less expense with ordinary pre-atom block busters. On the other hand, if I know the Russians, they are probably more suspicious and unhappy than if everything afloat had been wiped out! I suppose the real test will be the bomb that is to go off in the ocean, rather than the one exploded high in the air above the ships.

But as true Americans, bomb or no bomb, we know that if we take care of our own resources and show ourselves men in the world and keep out of ancient feuds over power and property elsewhere and eliminate treachery at home, nobody on the face of this round earth is going to expend effort and risk his own ruin by invading our hemisphere with armed force. I don't get along with Communists, but on one thing every Communist will agree with me—it is that Joe Stalin and his Moscow gangsters are now busy with that outstanding democratic process, the purge, in Russia itself, and they are facing many complications in the backward parts of Europe and Asia that they have overrun since the great "liberation" concluded a year ago. Their own problems of self-preservation and holding down their own masses under the brutal tyranny of the Marxist system have them preoccupied for as long a time as the most fervent Marxist can see into the future.

Moscow is planning no military invasion of the American hemisphere, and if its shifting coterie of bosses WERE doing so, all that we would have to do would be to develop American production, and challenge them to come on. But if we are planning to re-invade Europe at the port of Trieste, or police China and Korea with American Marines, that, of course, is a different story. As far as I am aware, the American people have given no authority to the tag-end of the interventionist New Deal dictatorship in Washington to enter any further expeditionary adventures in other continents.

About the effects of the bomb Harry Truman exploded over our homeland, we know little more at this early date than of atom bomb results at Bikini. In exploding the OPA, the President cut off his nose to spite his face. He acted against the wishes of his own responsible and constituted Party heads, and acceded to the wishes of the left-wing element which is militantly out to capture the Democratic Party from those responsible heads. This would seem to put Harry Truman definitely and finally outside of his own Democratic Party, and put him in second or third rate competition with Henry Wallace, James Roosevelt, Sidney Hillman and Harold Ickes for the chieftainship of a new, openly-labeled left-wing party.

The responsible leaders of Harry Truman's own party in Congress who advised and begged him not to veto the amended OPA Act, might take the forthright position that Harry Truman is no longer the responsible head of a Democratic Party administration, but is "wildcatting" out a rump administration. Responsible Democratic leaders could then refuse to take the responsibility and onus upon their party for anything Harry Truman does, and could begin to frame a constructive, conservative Democratic platform to appeal to the traditional Democratic constituencies of this nation. Whether or not Democratic leaders have the courage to do this remains to be seen; but it is the only way they can SAVE the Democratic family from being kidnapped by the radicals and held for ransom—with resisting members just taken for a ride and dumped out of the taxi.

When Andrew Johnson made a mess of the remainder of Abraham Lincoln's presidential term, something similar to this happened to Johnson. Aside from the question of strength of character, the parallel between Harry Truman and Andrew Johnson seems to be developing, as I dared to predict on that afternoon in April last year when Harry Truman stepped into FDR's shoes.

But whatever we do not yet know about the political results of the OPA bomb, we do know that on this Fourth of July week, 1946, Americans have regained their chance to prove that they are adult and can walk without leading strings or harness, or curbs in their mouth, or lists of ceiling prices put out by petty bureaucrats and professional frustrators. Department stores rushed to announce, "We will continue OPA prices." That's well meant, but I would suggest that the more practical and American thing for manufacturers, distributors and landlords to say is: "Henceforth, we shall charge an American profit, and not one cent more." It will, of course, be impossible for stores to retain present prices, because goods at a decent profit are now going to flow in, which before at OPA prices were offered purely on a "tease the public" basis and "You see it, but you can't have it!" Landlords whose properties were being confiscated, nothing less, cannot and should not say that they will retain OPA rental prices, but they should say: "We will raise your rent just ten per cent or fifteen, or whatever is necessary to cover the carrying charges of this property, plus six per cent on our investment and nothing more." That would be American, and that is the thing that all Americans, for the good of their nation and the good of their fellow citizens and the good of themselves are called upon to do, this week of liberation from the Spanish bit of set prices by which OPA autocrats reined us and rode us. Conversely, all good Americans can apply the necessary check of refusal to buy, and public condemnation to those who prove hogs for profits. That's all that's needed. If Americans do these two things, the nation suddenly becomes and acts adult, and the idea of putting it back under OPA restraints of any kind will appear as unnecessary as tying bibs around the necks of grown-up diners. OPA

would never stop a price rise now unless it was put on wages too—remember that! Pressure groups are screaming, "Write your Congressman!" Americans who thank God to be rid of OPA can write and wire too—as they did once before. Let's do it tonight, just to play safe.

I speak to you from San Francisco, the city of my father in the pioneer days; the city where as a boy I survived the San Francisco earthquake and fire, the first great disaster of many that I have witnessed in various parts of the world. I speak to you from the city from which I was taking off for the Pacific on a day when it fell my lot to tell you over the air that this nation, which had voted to stay out of war, was suddenly IN war—in war through policies entirely in the hands of a few men in Washington. I spoke to you from this city by the Golden Gate during the United Nations Conference one year ago. At the peril of my broadcasting existence I reported to you then that San Francisco was being made the scene of the greatest defeat ever administered to true internationalism. That defeat was in the form of a veto power demanded by Russia, acceded to by the handsome and weak Stettinius. Now we all know what a defeat this was.

The whole structure of internationalism sold to our people was a fake. Some day a fresh start will be made with less hypocrisy and no double talk about "perfectionism" thrown at those who want simply to be honest. But this Fourth of July week, 1946, Americans can forget pseudo-internationalism and rest safely in the firm structure of their own true American nationalism if they will but clean out their national house and build it strong.

Here in San Francisco, the American Medical Association and its component parts are meeting in convention for the first time in four years. The doctors face the well-laid scheme to use the medical profession as a soft spot for the entering wedge of official and political tyranny over all professions and activities. Here in San Francisco I have had the honor as a layman to lead the discussion on this vital question. Our doctors face the fact that this scheme for regimenting medicine and paying all doctors out of money to be taken by tax collectors from all incomes, did not originate with doctors or persons interested in the health of our people. It originated with persons interested in forever ending freedom to buy, and all, and hire what services we please in America, and interested in establishing a state guardianship over all of us. It originated and is promoted primarily by political schemers, not health experts. Wherever state medicine exists, as in Russia, it operates under tyranny. Wherever it is introduced, as in Britain, it results in deterioration of medical care and the tax-milking of the people for money that goes to social worker administrators more than to the physicians who treat us. I believe that here in San Francisco the medical profession, picked as the first easy mark of state socialism, will find the courage and facilities to rise and give stateism and its arrogant promoters a smacking defeat. But doctors must learn how to tell THEIR story to people who hear the story of the state socialists six or eight times a day on the radio. Doctors will best defeat state socialism by creating for those who need it, voluntary group medical care, for which we may pay modestly as we choose, and not exorbitantly under the iron rod of the tax collector. This, indeed, is what the doctors are planning in San Francisco this week.

This Fourth of July has a special meaning for the Philippines, which become our protected sister republic. I hope you will listen to a program that will come from the Philippines. An Independence message from a good American, Merwin K. Hart, president of the National Economic Council, who speaks from New York. We must protect

independence here, for if it is ever lost HERE there will be no independent man left anywhere. Go ahead, Mr. Hart—

One hundred and seventy years ago tonight fifty-three men in the city of Philadelphia were completing the Declaration of Independence. When the Continental Army and Navy made good the pledges of the declaration, for the first time in all human history, a highly intelligent people became absolutely free.

You all know what followed—the greatest release of human energies, spiritual, moral and intellectual, in the world's history. This Republic, conceived in liberty, her institutions based upon the Ten Commandments, the Sermon on the Mount and Christianity itself, has created a veritable revolution, both in thinking and living. American abundance overflowed our own borders and carried benefits to all lands.

But a century ago, Karl Marx began preaching his gospel of hatred. He appealed to men, not to create for themselves and to help others create, but to seize for themselves what others have created. Marxism finally flowered in Russia, and reduced 160,000,000 people to practical slavery. And the handful of Marxists who seized that country decided to force their Communistic form of government on all the world.

For a time few people took that threat seriously. Eleven European countries have already fallen under Soviet domination.

And in the United States, Russian Communism has infiltrated nearly all phases of American life. The greatest danger is the inability of many Americans to recognize the danger. Many professors, teachers, lecturers, commentators and even ministers of the gospel have been falling for the Leftist line.

The National Economic Council has fought Communism for sixteen years. It knows the weapons of Communism. The weapon most used is the weapon of "smear"—sly half-truths, misrepresentation, downright falsehoods, uttered in print, or on the radio.

The Communist or his dupe calls everybody who disagrees with him a "Fascist." That is his standard epithet. Beyond this the term means nothing.

The other day an American, who had listened to the diatribes of the Communists and their repetition by false "Liberals," said to me "MUST I be either a Fascist or a Communist? Can't I be just an American?"

The Economic Council has nothing but contempt for these Communist "smears." The American people are now becoming more conscious of the peril to America at the hands of these name-callers whose aim is to destroy the American Republic and reduce us to subjection to the Soviet Union.

The National Economic Council which will continue unrelentingly to oppose Communism, is growing steadily in both membership and influence. It invites you to join with it in this work. You can get copies of its two publications—the Economic Council Letter and the monthly Review of Books. Our announcer will tell you about these in a few minutes.

The coming months will decide your country's future—your future. This land of Washington and Jefferson and Lincoln may further deteriorate and actually become a Socialist-Communist state. Or, its people awakening by the thousands, will turn and throw Communism and all its works clean out of America.

The National Economic Council, dedicated to accomplishing this result, is glad to have as its commentator in this work that vigorous thinker and forthright American—Upton Close.